

# VOW Act & Veterans Employment Initiative (VEI)

Joint / Fleet Ops
Warfighting & Readiness
GFM
Sailors/Civ/Fam

1991
National Defense
Authorization Act
Established TAP
program



Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) Act Established mandatory TAP program



Reservists
are required
by law to
attend as of
26 NOV 2012

Not Applicable for RC Not Mandatory for AC Includes requirement for RC on active duty 180+ days to attend

Demobilization process becomes 2 weeks at NMPS before return to NOSC



# **DOL Waivers**



#### VOW Act is comprised of three parts

- Pre-separation Counseling 1 day
- Veterans' Benefits brief 1 day
- Dept. of Labor (DOL) brief 3 days

\*Only the DOL portion is waivable\*

# Waivers are granted for any of the following criteria

- Confirm employment
- Confirm enrollment in an accredited technical training, undergraduate or graduate degree program or
- Confirm previously attended a TAP class

# Members who waive the DOL portion still MUST complete

- Pre-separation Counseling and
- Veterans' Benefits portions
- This will be completed during the first week of NMPS so you can return to your NOSC as originally scheduled.

Waivers are confirmed via DD 2648-1, during Pre-separation Counseling



# Three Options For NMPS



### 1) TAP

#### Week One

 NMPS redeployment processing

#### Week Two

- TAP
- Return to NOSC at end of Week Two

## 2) TAP w/Leave

#### Week One

 NMPS redeployment processing

#### Week Two

Week of leave

#### Week Three

- TAP
- Return to NOSC at end of Week Three

## 3) Waive TAP

#### Week One

- NMPS redeployment processing
- Waive DOL portion
- Return to NOSC at end of Week One

# **CHOOSE ONE OPTION**